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IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the Specification as follows:

Page 1, line 4, under the CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS section, previously amended by a preliminary amendment into two paragraphs, please further amend the first paragraph as follows:

"This non-provisional United States (U.S.) patent application claims the benefit of and is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/704,439 filed on November 1, 2000 by inventors Rajiv Ramaswami, et al., entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR OPTICAL TO ELECTRICAL TO OPTICAL CONVERSION IN AN OPTICAL CROSS-CONNECT SWITCH", now allowed U.S. Patent No. 6,650,803."